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From: Ignatowski, Timothy [Timothy.Ignatowski@milwaukee.gov]

Sent: Monday, November 09, 2009 4:23 PM

To: Butzlaff, Kathy - PSC **Subject:** RE: 3720-WR-107 Expenses

Attachments: KB_Milwaukee Questions 2010 TY 2.doc; KB_Expenses_Followup.xls; KB_Motor

Vehicle.pdf; KB_Pavement Cut.pdf; KB_GASB 45.pdf

Note attachments. I will also be sending you 4 emails. Let me know if you have further questions.

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From: Butzlaff, Kathy - PSC [mailto:Kathy.Butzlaff@wisconsin.gov]

Sent: Thu 11/5/2009 10:51 AM **To:** Ignatowski, Timothy

Subject: RE: 3720-WR-107 Expenses

Hi Tim,

I have attached a few follow-up questions for expenses. The shortest question is on Account 926, but this is probably where I am looking for the most information to support the additional \$1.8 million in expenses.

If you could supply answers sometime next week, that would be great.

Thanks, Kathy

From: Ignatowski, Timothy [mailto:Timothy.Ignatowski@milwaukee.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2009 9:10 AM

To: Butzlaff, Kathy PSC

Subject: 3720-WR-107 Expenses

Note attached.

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Milwaukee Water Utility 3720-WR-107

Follow-Up Questions Regarding Rate Increase - Expenses

1. Account 623 – Your revised 3% increases result in estimates of \$5,058,150 for 2009 and \$5,209,894 for 2010. The August 2009 expense annualized is \$4,861,000. With decreasing sales offsetting the increasing electricity cost, I have a preliminary 2010 estimate of about \$4,800,000. Please take a closer look at this account including what expenses are through October 2009 and what exactly you expect for an increase from WE Energies.

Answer – Upon further review, I am estimating \$4,900,000 for 2009 and \$5,000,000 for 2010. The electric expense is about the same as last year at this time even though consumption is down about 617 million gallons compared to last year. Note attached file "KB_Expenses_Followup" (worksheets PSC 623 and Sales Comparison). Also note the forwarded email from Connie Carncross of We Energies (the estimated rate increase for 2010 is 2.8%).

- 2. Okay.
- 3. Okay.
- 4. Accounts 673 and 675 These accounts vary each year depending on how main breaks and services are repaired. How long has the City billed for Motor Vehicles and Payment Cuts? Did the 2008 charges increase due to more repairs or higher charge rates by the City? Please provide some support for how the City charges for these services and any increases in the charge rates.

Answer – The City of Milwaukee has been billing us for a very long time (at least 50 years). The main cause for the motor vehicle increase was the rise in fuel cost. Note the pdf file "Motor Vehicle". The main cause for the pavement cut increase was due to a change in the way that the Department of Public Works bills us. Note the pdf file "Pavement Cut" and the forwarded email from Dan Rotar of DPW.

- 5. Okay.
- 6. Okay.
- 7. Account 923 The 2008 amount of \$862,730 does not appear to include the \$321,000 in sewer charges or the \$258,000 in 2007 Employee Relations charges. If these are added the total of \$1,441,730 does not match the 2008 annual report total of \$1,311,050. Please reconcile this on KB_PSC_ 923. Also, does the 2009 estimate on this sheet include sewer charges? If not, please add these.

Answer – The \$258,000 was posted after the 2007 PSC Annual Report was filed (for 2007 business). Note the PSC 2008 Report, Schedule F-2, Copy 3, line 27. Note attached file "KB_Expenses_Followup" (worksheet PSC 923 Revised). The estimated expenses should be revised to 1,476,000 for 2009 and 1,558,000 for 2010.

8. Account 926 – Please provide additional explanations and documentation for the \$790,290 GASB 45 entry and the new \$1,018,451 payment to the City pension fund.

Answer – Note attached pdf file "GASB 45" for the \$790,000. Note the forwarded email from Menbere Medhin (Water Accounting Manager) for the payment to the City of Milwaukee pension fund.

- 9. Taxes and the Property Tax Equivalent
 - a. Now that a few more weeks have passed, do have any estimates of the tax rates and assessment ratio for this year?
 - b. In particular, why are the increases on the budget sheet you supplied so high in 2010 compared to 2008? The Local Tax Rate went up 9%, the MATC Tax Rate went up 11%, and the School Tax Rate went up 19%.
 - c. How did you estimate the \$1,200,000 for Social Security Taxes on Attachment 8? This is an increase of 7.2% over 2008. Are labor costs increasing that much?

Answer – Note the forwarded email from Linda Radmer of the Comptroller's Office for parts a and b. For part c, it should be revised due to the recent labor agreement with District Council 48. It consists of retroactive raises of 2% a year for 2007, 2008, and 2009. However, management didn't receive a cost of living raise this year. So, 6% retro pay less 1% (furlough days and budget cuts) would equal an estimated 5% raise. A revised estimate for 2009 should be 1,175,000 (1,118,976 times 1.05%). For 2010, it should be the same figure. DC 48 and management will have a wage freeze in effect.

Tim Ignatowski – Milwaukee Water Works 11/9/09

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City of Milwaukee

Retiree Healthcare & Life Insurance Programs GASB 45 Actuarial Valuation

Allocation of Annual OPEB Cost Excludes Police & Fire OPEB Costs

	Additional GASB 45 Expenses		GENERAL*	% of Payroll (1)	
	Water Works Fund	\$	790,969	7.72%	
	Parking Fund		222,900	2.18%	
	Port of Milwaukee Fund		52,091	0.51%	
	Sewer Maintenance Fund		305,490	2.98%	
	Total Enterprise Funds/Business Type	\$	1,371,450		
	2008 Actuarial GASB 45 Expense*	\$	24,647,607		
	Less: 2008 Actuary Pay-Go Contribution*		14,402,128		
	Additional GASB 45 General Expense*	\$	10,245,479		
	Total Enterprise Funds/Business Type		(1,371,450)		
	Total Gov't Wide Primary Government*	\$	8,874,029		
	* Excludes Police & Fire		<u> </u>		
=und	Note (1)				
	Water Works		17.674,218.31	7.72%	
450 & 4 <i>5</i> 1			4,980,695.20	2.18%	
480 & 481	Port of Milwaukee		1,163,966.92	0.51%	
190 & 491	Sewer Maintenance		6,826,174.05	2.98%	
		\$	30,645,054		
	Total City Payroll - All Funds	42	25,360,370.03		
	Police	(12	25,218,725.53)		
	Fire	(7	(1,206 <mark>,27</mark> 1.50)		
	2008 City Payroll All Funds Less Police & Fire	2	8,935,373.00		

CITY OF MILWAUKEE - WATER WORKS

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2008 and 2007

General City employees retiring at age 55 or older with 20 years of service or at age 60 regardless of years of service and covered under the group life insurance plan at retirement are eligible to continue coverage at the level on the date prior to their date of retirement. Firefighters and police officers retiring at age 52 or older with 20 years of service or at age 57 regardless of years of service and covered under the group life insurance plan at retirement are eligible to continue coverage up to their base amount of coverage on the date prior to their date of retirement. Prior to age 65, all retirees are required to pay the full premium rates as established by the insurance carrier, less an adjustment for estimated dividends. The rates established are group rates applied consistently to all employees, without regard to age or health. Upon reaching the age of 65, those retirees still part of the group life plan have their coverage reduced in accordance with the reduction schedule in effect on their last day physically at work, with the City assuming all future premiums.

Funding Policy. The contribution of plan members and the Waterworks are established and may be amended by the City. The required contribution for medical and life insurance for retirees is based on a pay-as-you-go financing. Medical benefits provided through the basic health care plan are self-insured. For 2008, the Water Works and its plan members receiving benefits paid approximately \$1,082,000 and \$30,000, respectively, toward medical and life insurance for retirees. For 2007, the Water Works and its plan members receiving benefits paid approximately \$985,000 and \$40,000, respectively, toward medical and life insurance for retirees.

Annual OPEB Cost and Net OPEB Obligation. The Water Works' annual OPEB cost (expense) is calculated based on the annual required contribution of the employer (ARC), an amount actuarially determined in accordance with the parameters of GASB Statement No. 45. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal cost each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities (or funding excess) over a period not to exceed thirty years.

The following table shows the components of the Water Works' annual OPEB cost for the year, the amount actually contributed to the plan (pay-as-you-go basis), and the changes in the Water Works' net OPEB obligation for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007:

	_	2008	2007
Annual required contribution (ARC) Interest on net OPEB obligation Adjustment to ARC	\$ 	1,898,613 35,550 (31,324)	1, 8 15,000
Annual OPEB cost		1,902,839	1,815,000
Contributions made	_	1,111,870	1,024,710
Increase in net OPEB obligation		(790,969)	(790,290)
Net OPEB obligation at beginning of year		(790,290)	
Net OPEB obligation at end of year	\$	(1,581,259)	(790,290)

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DPW Fleet Services

Quarterly Statement

Department		Water Department			
Statement Month	2nd Quarter	Statement Year	2008		
Vehicle Administrati	on Fee	4,104.83			
Rental Permanen	tly Assigned	0.00			
Work Orders: Owne	ed Equipment	92,490.90			
Fuel		100,600.56			
Total Charges Th	is Statement	\$197,196.29			

Thank You!

Butzlaff, Kathy - PSC

From: Ignatowski, Timothy [Timothy.lgnatowski@milwaukee.gov]

Sent: Monday, November 09, 2009 4:24 PM

To: Butzlaff, Kathy - PSC Subject: FW: Rate Increases

Attachments: 2010 RateIncrease req_FNL.pdf

3720-WR-107 (follow up question #1)

Tim Ignatowski Accountant III Milwaukee Water Works 841 N. Broadway - Room 409 Milwaukee, WI 53202

Phone: 414-286-2435 Fax: 414-286-0531

Email: timothy.ignatowski@milwaukee.gov

From: Carncross.Connie [mailto:Connie.Carncross@we-energies.com]

Sent: Thu 10/15/2009 8:21 AM To: Ignatowski, Timothy Subject: RE: Rate Increases

Hi Tim,

The rate case is still pending. The attachment has the percentages we are asking for in the rate case for all the different rates. I believe this is what you are looking for.

Let me know if you any other questions or concerns Tim. Thanks!

Connie Carncross Telephone Account Manager We Energies Business Center 262-650-5202

Fax: 800-354-3585

Email: Connie.Carncross@we-energies.com

Business Services Website:

www.we-energies.com/business new/index.htm

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From: Ignatowski, Timothy [mailto:Timothy.Ignatowski@milwaukee.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2009 4:29 PM

To: Carncross.Connie **Subject:** Rate Increases

What is the status of the latest We Energies rate case and what is the estimated increase? thanks

Tim Ignatowski Accountant III Milwaukee Water Works 841 N. Broadway - Room 409 Milwaukee, WI 53202

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Email: timothy.ignatowski@milwaukee.gov

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2010 Rate Increase Request

Wisconsin Electric Power Company and Wisconsin Gas LLC (doing business as We Energies) filed a request on March 13, 2009, with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW) to increase rates beginning next year for electric, natural gas and steam utility operations in Wisconsin

In addition to this filing, in April 2009, we received authorization from the PSCW to refund \$18.8 million to our electric customers in Wisconsin. The request fulfills our commitment to return to our customers any money we over-collected to pay for higher fuel costs in 2008.

Because of continued lower fuel costs this year, we filed another fuel cost adjustment that will lower the rates customers would pay for the remainder of 2009. The result would lower customer electric bills by 2 to 3 percent for the second half of 2009.

This insert will give you more information about:

- Why we are requesting a price increase.
- How the request may affect your energy bill.
- What you can do to use less energy and save money on your bill.



Reasons for the Request

The filing requests price increases to support:

- Continued investment in the company's Power the Future projects to increase electric reliability. These projects were approved by the PSCW several years ago.
- Upgrades to the state's transmission grid by the American Transmission Company.
- Employee benefit costs.
- Higher operation and maintenance costs.

In evaluating electric operations, we concluded that a \$165.8 million (6.1%) increase can be justified. In light of the economy, however, we are limiting the electric request to \$76.5 million (2.8%). We plan to make up for the difference by:

- Continuing to manage company budgets.
- Spreading out some costs over a longer period of time.

The Rate Filing Process

This insert provides an overview of our request. Your bills will continue to be calculated using current rates until new rates are approved by the PSCW. Following are the next steps in the process:

- The PSCW will conduct a thorough review of our request and will hold public hearings to discuss the request.*
- After taking our information and public testimony into account, the PSCW will set new rates. They may be higher or lower than what we originally requested.
- If approved, we anticipate the new rates taking effect in January 2010.

^{*}Although the PSCW has not yet scheduled hearings, you can contact the PSCW case coordinator, Mary McIlwee, at 800-358-9246 or via e-mail at mary.mcilwee@psc.state.wi.us for scheduling information.

Amount of Request

The rate increases requested are:

Service Type	2010 Request
Electric	\$76.5 million or 2.8%
Natural Gas Wisconsin Gas LLC (Wisconsin Gas) tariffs	\$ 38.8 million or 4.6%
Natural Gas Wisconsin Electric Gas Operations (WEGO) tariffs	\$ 22.1 million or 3.6%
Downtown Milwaukee Steam Utility	\$ 1.6 million or 6.7%
Wauwatosa Steam Utility	\$ 1.3 million or 6.8%

The impact of the requested increases on your bill will vary depending on your rate class and amount of electricity, natural gas and/or steam you use.

The percentages and stated customer class increases for electric service in 2010 will be higher than shown due to (1) the fuel cost adjustment decrease for the remainder of 2009; and (2) the 2010 decrease in the Point Beach credit. We expect the Point Beach credit to expire by yearend 2010.

Electric Prices

We have presented two different electric rate designs for the PSCW's consideration. One rate design provides the same level percentage increases (2.8%) for each major customer class and the other rate design has percentage increases proportional to each class' cost-of-service study results.

Proposed Average Monthly Change to Residential and Small Commercial Electric Customers

Customer Class	2010 Average Increase	2010 Cost-Based Increase	
Residential*	\$2.88 or 2.9%	\$4.57 or 4.6%	
Small Commercial**	\$7.60 or 3.0%	\$12.12 or 4.8%	

^{*}Assumes customer using 750 kWh per month.

^{**}Assumes customer using 2,000 kWh per month.

Proposed Average Annual Change to Large Commercial and Industrial Electric Customers

Customer Class	2010 Average Increase	2010 Cost-Based Increase
Large Commercial	2.8%	1.0%
& Industrial Customers*		

^{*} Assumes large commercial and industrial firm electric customer. It is difficult to identify any large commercial and industrial electric customer as a typical customer because there are many combinations of rate components that impact bills, which can vary significantly.

Natural Gas Prices

Proposed Average Monthly Change to Residential Natural Gas Customers

Service Type	2010 Change
Natural Gas* Wisconsin Gas tariffs	\$3.08 or 3.5%
Natural Gas** WEGO tariffs	\$2.87 or 3.5%

^{*}Assumes customer using 778 therms per year.

Proposed Average Monthly Change to Small Commercial Natural Gas Customers

Service Type	2010 Change
Natural Gas* Wisconsin Gas tariffs	\$5.32 or 2.6%
Natural Gas* WEGO tariffs	\$4.86 or 2.6%

^{*}Assumes customer using 1,900 therms per year.

Proposed Average Annual Change to Large Commercial and Industrial Natural Gas Customers

Service Type	2010 Change
Natural Gas* Wisconsin Gas tariffs	2.5%
Natural Gas* WEGO tariffs	1.3%

^{*}Assumes large interruptible commercial natural gas customer using 6 million therms annually. It is difficult to identify any large commercial and industrial natural gas customer as a typical customer because there are many combinations of rate components that impact bills, which can vary significantly.

^{**}Assumes customer using 765 therms per year.

Steam Prices

Proposed Average Monthly Change to Steam Customers

Service Type	2010 Change
Downtown Milwaukee*	\$302 or 6.7%
Wauwatosa*	\$617 or 6.7%

^{*}Assumes customer using 400 MLBS of steam per month.

We're Working to Control Costs

As a company, we continue working to keep costs as low as possible by improving companywide efficiency while maintaining reliability and service quality.

We've also taken the following steps to control costs in 2009:

- Frozen the base salaries of all officers.
- Tightened operations and maintenance budgets throughout the company.
- Restricted hiring to only critical positions.

Ways to Save Money on Your Energy Bill

We offer several programs to help you use less energy and keep more money in your pocket.

Residential Customers

My Account – Go online for detailed information about your energy service. You'll get money-saving tips specific to your home and learn more about why your bill changes from month to month. My Account also offers free online bill payment. Enroll at www.we-energies.com/myaccount.

Business Customers

Business Account Online – Through a secure Internet connection, you can view and download historic energy use and costs, and project future energy costs with an interactive forecasting tool. Sign up at www.we-energies.com/bao.

For More Information

If you have questions about our request, please contact us at 800-242-9137 (residential customers) or 800-714-7777 (commercial and industrial customers).



Butzlaff, Kathy - PSC

From: Ignatowski, Timothy [Timothy.lgnatowski@milwaukee.gov]

Sent: Monday, November 09, 2009 4:27 PM

To: Butzlaff, Kathy - PSC

Subject: FW: Question about pavement cuts

3720-WR-107 (Question # 4)

Tim Ignatowski Accountant III Milwaukee Water Works 841 N. Broadway - Room 409 Milwaukee, WI 53202

Phone: 414-286-2435 Fax: 414-286-0531

Email: timothy.ignatowski@milwaukee.gov

From: Rotar, Daniel

Sent: Thu 11/5/2009 3:12 PM **To:** Ignatowski, Timothy

Subject: RE: Question about pavement cuts

Tim,

In 2008, we changed the way we billed Water for Pavement Cuts. Previous to that year, we billed off of small, yellow sheets that would inevitably get lost or not entered correctly. We are now billing off of actual costs as posted in FMIS. These billings are much more complete and accurate than what was charged previously.

We can run some queries in FMIS for your auditors if they like.

Dan

From: Ignatowski, Timothy

Sent: Thursday, November 05, 2009 2:41 PM

To: Rotar, Daniel

Subject: Question about pavement cuts

Dan,

The Public Service Commission of WI is auditing us (for a water rate increase). Our pavement cuts were about 1 million higher in 2008 compared to 2007. Did the 2008 charges increase due to more repairs or higher rates charged by the City?? If higher rates, please specify. Thanks.

Tim Ignatowski Accountant III Milwaukee Water Works 841 N. Broadway - Room 409 Milwaukee, WI 53202 Phone: 414-286-2435

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Fax: 414-286-0531

Email: timothy.ignatowski@milwaukee.gov

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Butzlaff, Kathy - PSC

From: Ignatowski, Timothy [Timothy.lgnatowski@milwaukee.gov]

Sent: Monday, November 09, 2009 4:30 PM

To: Butzlaff, Kathy - PSC

Subject: FW: Additional Actuarial Contributions and Employer Duty Disability Contributions due

January 31, 2010

Attachments: Milwaukee Water Works billing letter - 2009 - Signed.pdf; C6704RET01-2009-Valuation-New-

Funding-Policy Revised 9-8-09 - Table 1B.pdf; C6704RET01-2009-Valuation-New-Funding-Policy Revised 9-8-09 - Table 1C.pdf; C6704RET01-2009-Valuation-New-Funding-Policy

Revised 9-8-09 - Table 1A.pdf

3720-WR-107 (Question # 8)

Tim Ignatowski Accountant III Milwaukee Water Works 841 N. Broadway - Room 409 Milwaukee, WI 53202

Phone: 414-286-2435 Fax: 414-286-0531

Email: timothy.ignatowski@milwaukee.gov

From: Medhin, Menbere Sent: Tue 10/13/2009 2:04 PM

To: Gehweiler, William; Ignatowski, Timothy

Subject: FW: Additional Actuarial Contributions and Employer Duty Disability Contributions due January 31, 2010

FYI.

Menbere

Menbere W. Medhin, C.P.A., C.G.F.M. Water Accounting Manager Milwaukee Water Works 841 N. Broadway, Room 409 Milwaukee, WI 53202 Phone (414) 286-2810 Fax (414) 286-0531

e-mail menbere.medhin@milwaukee.gov

From: Lewis, Carrie

Sent: Tue 10/13/2009 1:48 PM

To: Medhin, Menbere **Cc:** Smith, Earl

Subject: FW: Additional Actuarial Contributions and Employer Duty Disability Contributions due January 31, 2010

From: Becker, Michael [mailto:michael.becker@cmers.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2009 1:33 PM

To: Lewis, Carrie

Cc: Morics, Wally; Johnson, Melody; Matson, Martin

Subject: Additional Actuarial Contributions and Employer Duty Disability Contributions due January 31, 2010

Dear Ms. Lewis:

The Employes' Retirement System (ERS) annually collects from its member agencies certain costs due to the system. The Annuity and Pension Board, at their September 28, 2009 meeting, received and accepted the January 1, 2009 actuarial valuation of the ERS. This report certifies the contributions due from the member agencies as determined in the valuation.

This letter is being sent to inform you that there are amounts due on January 31, 2010 as a result of this valuation.

Actuarial Contributions: \$1,018,451

Duty Disability Contributions:

Total Amounts Due: \$1,018,451

I have attached the signed letter from Mr. Allen and the actuarial tables as PDF's to this e-mail and forwarded all originals to you via the mail for your records. If you have any questions please call me.

City of Milwaukee

Employes' Retirement System 789 N Water Street, Suite 300 Milwaukee WI 53202

Michael G. Becker

(414) 286-3502

Michael.Becker@cmers.com

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City of Milwaukee

Employes' Retirement System

Bernard J. Allen Executive Director

Thomas A. Rick, CFA
Chief Investment Officer

Martin Matson
Deputy Director

October 12, 2009

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Carrie Lewis Superintendent Milwaukee Water Works, 841 N Broadway – Rm 409 Milwaukee, WI 53202

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If you have any questions, please feel free to call Michael Becker of my staff at 286-3502.

Sincerely

Bernard J. Allen

Executive Director

BJA:mgb

CC: Martin Morics, Comptroller - Comptrollers Office, City of Milwaukee

Enclosures: Actuarial Tables 1a, 1b, 1c



Table 1b

Allocation of Total 2008 Contributions to Employe Groups Members in Combined Retirement and Disability Fund Amount Due January 31, 2010

				Fu	Fund	Janu	January 31, 2010	0
	Active	Covered	ered	Combined Retirement &	Heart &			
Group	Members	Compensation	nsation	Disability	Lung	Total Due		% of Pay
General City	29	\$ 1,	1,310,952	\$ A 39,158	-	\$ 39,158		2.99%
Water Department	ı		ı	ı	ı		ı	
School Board	42	1,	1,052,920	c 31,450	1	31,450		2.99%
Milwaukee Technical College	ı		ı	ı	ı		ı	
Sewerage Commission	1		82,148	Е 2,454	1	2,454		2.99%
Veolia	ı		1	I	ı		1	
Wisconsin Center District			7,227	_G 216	,	2	216 2.9	2.99%
Housing Authority	2		57,664	н 1,722	\	1,7	1,722 2.9	2.99%
Policemen			64,324	I 5,000	\ \	5,0	5,000 7.7	7.77%
Firemen	1		Ī	1	1		<u>'</u>	
TOTAL	92	\$ 2,	2,575,235	\$ 80,000	-	\$ 80,000		3.11%

Total Agrees to spreadsheet



Table 1c

Allocation of Total 2008 Contributions to Employe Groups Combined Fund Amount Due January 31, 2010

	Active	Covered	January 31, 2010	31,	2010
Group	Members	Compensation	Total Due		% of Pay
General City	3,570	3,570 \$ 176,906,233 \$ 11,922,498 A	\$ 11,922,498	A	6.74%
Water Department	292	15,111,798	1,018,451	В	6.74%
School Board	3,971	110,943,411	7,476,970	C	6.74%
Milwaukee Technical College	3	167,955	11,319 D	Q	6.74%
Sewerage Commission	228	15,838,283	1,067,412	Щ	6.74%
Veolia	125	7,456,632	502,536	Щ	6.74%
Wisconsin Center District	96	3,561,485	240,024	G	6.74%
Housing Authority	200	11,733,762	н 062,062	Н	6.74%
Policemen	2,038	129,087,737	24,186,000	Ι	18.74%
Firemen	006	60,061,502	12,882,000	J	21.45%
TOTAL	11,423	11,423 \$ 530,868,798 \$ 60,098,000 *	\$ 60,098,000	*	11.32%

* Total Agrees with the Allocation of Contributions and Duty Disability Amts.xls Spreadsheet

Butzlaff, Kathy - PSC

From: Ignatowski, Timothy [Timothy.lgnatowski@milwaukee.gov]

Sent: Monday, November 09, 2009 4:31 PM

To: Butzlaff, Kathy - PSC

Subject: FW: 2 Questions about PILOT

3720-WR-107 (Question #9)

Tim Ignatowski Accountant III Milwaukee Water Works 841 N. Broadway - Room 409 Milwaukee, WI 53202

Phone: 414-286-2435 Fax: 414-286-0531

Email: timothy.ignatowski@milwaukee.gov

From: Radmer, Linda

Sent: Mon 11/9/2009 9:34 AM **To:** Ignatowski, Timothy

Subject: RE: 2 Questions about PILOT

- 1 These are just estimates. We have not gotten in all of the budget information yet and the mayor can veto items and there can be overrides, etc. The rates as of now are: City of Milwaukee-\$8.91, MATC-\$2.06, MPS-\$10.65. The assessment ratio may change, but it is currently 92%.
- 2 The budget increases are based on projections that are <u>TWO</u> years out. I take the information from the previous year and hope that it comes relatively close.

Lastly, there was not an attachment to this e-mail so I have no idea what you wanted me to look at.

Linda Radmer Management Accountant Specialist-Senior City of Milwaukee-Comptroller's Office 200 E. Wells St., Room 404

Milwaukee, WI 53202-2312 Phone: (414) 286-3104 Fax: (414) 286-0653

Email: lradme@milwaukee.gov

From: Ignatowski, Timothy

Sent: Friday, November 06, 2009 2:33 PM

To: Radmer, Linda

Subject: 2 Questions about PILOT

Linda, the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin is auditing us (for our water rate increase). They have two questions about PILOT.

1 - Do you have any estimates of the tax rates and assessment ratio for 2009?

2 - Why are the increases on the budget sheet so high in 2010 compared to 2008? In particular, the Local Tax Rate went up 9%, the MATC Tax Rate went up 11%, and the School Tax Rate Rate went up 19%.

Can you help me out? Note attached file.

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From: Ignatowski, Timothy [Timothy.lgnatowski@milwaukee.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2009 2:47 PM

To: Butzlaff, Kathy - PSC

Subject: FW: Additional Pension Contribution

3720-WR-107 (Question #8) fyi - Medhin is the Water Accounting Manager

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Hi, Tim. The Employees' Retirement System (ERS) annually collects from its member agencies certain costs due to the system. In the past, due to favorable economic conditions, the ERS had been able to pay such costs out of the earnings it generated from its funds. However now, we are seeing the flipside of that and there came a need to collect from its member agencies to pay for those costs. Though we have not paid in the recent past, the way the system works and pays for its costs has been the same. This is why we have to pay the said amount of \$1.0 Million. We may continue to pay "some amount" until the economy improves. Hard to say now.

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